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Minneapolis can claim a monopoly in at least one industry. There is some like it in the country. Germany is the nearest competitor. The lace paper factory here is the only one in the country. How the industry came to be established here and the development of certain possibilities in regard to it make quite

an original story.

A cortain business man tolerably well known in Minneapolis once upon a time loaned some money and material to a Russian immigrant who was trying to start a greenhouse in St. Paul. The florist was very grateful for the help, but at the end of six months had not repaid any of the loan. The business man hunted him up and inquired wherefore this negfigence. The florist explained his difficulties at some length, and sorrowfully averred that in addition to other burdens he had to support his brother. Why doesn't your brother go to

"Pardon, sir. He is bonest and industrious, but can find no work at his trade."

'What trade can that be?" 'He is a lace paper maker and there are are no factories of that sort here, and he has not much chance at other trades

where he has no skill." An interview with the paper maker revealed some interesting facts, and after some investigation several Minneapolis capitalists concluded to start a factory to evolve the dainty confections that modern ingenuity says may be made from paper. The industry is still so new that its present condition may be re-

garded as only an earnest of the future. The fad for fancy lamp shades makes a special department which was not at first contemplated. Crape paper develops in all the soft, dainty sheen of silk. Women are specially good at this branch of the industry, as it requires patience and that peculiar "knack" which no man ever had, and the woman who possesses it is luckier than if she had beauty.

though she never thinks so herself. Now, this business of making lamp shades and flower pots and paper flowers and dolls is light, clean work and pays well if a woman has the bent for that The prettiest lamp shades I ever saw

were being made at the factory. The tolacco leaf forms the latest model. Two contrasting shades of crape paper form the leaf. It is cut in the proper shape, and a delicate wire forms the mid rib of the leaf and makes the shade substantial enough to stand wear. Four long leaves and four shorter ones droop from a common center and make the daintiest shade imaginable. I saw a tiny one of this same pattern for an incan descent light. The red leaves were lined with pale yellow, and how the electric light did glow through the blended colorat A skillful workwornan can only construct four or five of these ahades a day. Their price consequently doesn't exactly bring them within the reach of all, but they promise to largely take the place of silk and illusion. The operative

earns from \$8 to \$10 a week in the shade Lace paper for lining the edges of boxes really forms the important part of this industry. Look at a bit of this dainty paper and see how faithfully it eproduces every thread of the lace from which it is copied. When people are told that these delicate patterns are stamped from engraved metal plates, they are apt to look incredulous. Still that is the process.

For many years Germany has con-trolled this industry. The consul at Berlin in his last annual report states that 7,000,000 pounds of lace paper are exported annually to the United States. One fine day good fortune befell the industry. A man came in and asked for employment. He was a designer and engraver of plates from Germany. He declined to give any information as to how he knew the factory was in Minne-apolis or why he came. He simply said they could try his work, and if they were satisfied he would stay. He has remained ever since. I saw him several times and didn't wonder that there was some hesitancy about engaging him. He weighs about 825 pounds. The face is intelligent and refined, but the bushy beard and long hair, combined with the muscular frame, give the man the appearance of one used to vigorous manual abor. Appearances are deceptive in this case, for be is an artist as well as an engraver, and knows every detail of the

He first aketches the design on paper, then takes a block of lead composition, similar to that used for newspaper cuts, and draws the exact pettern with a sharp steel point. Then, with finely graded chisels, he hammers out every little detail so exact that the timest thread of the

finest lace pattern is visible.

To see the workman hammering out an intricate pattern one would think it an endless task. It is not, however, nearly so tedious as it looks. This engraver will make a plate 20 inches long by 2 inches wide in four days. All the edges of the pattern have to be made in sharp relief instead of being cut into the plate, as in ordinary engraving. This has to be done so that the sharp edges will perforate the paper when the cylinder passes over the plate.

Lace paper has its styles just the same as the real article. The young lady who gets her daily box of bonbons from the nfectioner wants the lace edged holder to be in the latest mode. She can also select torchon, valencieunes, spanish, guipure, breton or any other style in the paper just as she can in the thread. Among the pretty imported notions is that of a cormucopia with a deep lace edge and closed with dainty bows of satin ribbons. This is to hold matines or theater allowance of candy and will probably be very popular. — Eva Me-Bonald-Valent in Minneapolis Tribune.

A WINTER NIGHT.

This winter eight against the pane I hear the leading of the rain; The mad wind shricks a harsh refrain This winter night.

Within my room is warmth and light; The friendly fire blazes bright, And—Godl out in the bitter cold,

How many mortals strangle on,
With love and hope and gladness game—
Poor huran sheep outside the fold—
This winter night.

-Robert Loveman in Youth's Companion.

Walting For the Minister. A good story is told of Mr. Labouchereduring his career in the diplomatic service and while he was an attache at Washington. An "aggressively trate" me by writing to him and then tearing up the letter, as suggested by Mark manded to see the British minister. Mr. Twain in Harper's. I wrote the letter, manded to see the British minister. Mr. Labouchere informed him that he could commencing it, "Dear Brother Edward not, because "his excellency was not in." "Well," said the visitor, evidently sus- as if all were not well you would write. pecting subterfuge,"I must see him, and will wait till he comes." "Very good." said Mr. Labouchers. "Pray take a mind influence had acted upon Edward chair," and he resumed his writing. At the my writing the letter, the sending the end of an hour the visitor. "still fretting and fuming," asked when the min-ister would be back. "I really cannot o'clock on the morning of Feb. 16, I resay exactly," the attache answered. "But ceived a letter from Edward, dated the you expect him back?" the visitor insist- 15th, saying: "Dear Brother Jamesed. "Oh, certainly," said Mr. Labou-

chere and went on writing. At the end of another hour the trate port, Recollect, no news will be good visitor, bouncing up, insisted on know-ing what were the habits of the minister at that period of the day. Was he likely to be in in another hour? "I think not. said Mr. Labouchere, with increased blandness; "the fact is he sailed for Enrope on Wednesday and can hardly yet have reached Queenstown. But, you know, you said you would wait till he came in, so I offered you a chair."-"Diary of the Salisbury Parliament."

Mr. Rossevelt Tells a Story or Two. tell of his experiences while in the legis-lature. In his address before the Liberal darkness of a heavy rainstorm. club on Thursday evening he told some of them.

One was of a legislator who used to ask him to support unconstitutional bills. "But, my dear friend." Mr. Rossevell would say, "it's unconstitutional." becoming very indignant the man would this? add, "Mr. Roosevelt, the constitution "I doesn't treat little things like that. Another man objected to his quoting Latin. "What do you mean by quoting Latin on the floor of this house?" thun-

dered the objector. "when you don't know

the alpha or omega of the language?" Buffalo Express. Nature and Deformity. Mature is very partiet ers. Go into the forests and how often o' my lookaout." we see deformed trees, some bent and trunk becomes like two-each crossing Youth's Companion. and recrossing the other. This was done by depression or injury to the tree in all

young and tender years. Nature has no power to right a broken law-neither in the animal nor the vegetable organism Punishment follows, and deformity results.-Boston Transcript. What She Should Do. Bertie had been forbidden under sema and grandmother found him splash-

ing in it in high glee. a plea for the offender.

mind what was told him, he answered promptly: muvyer."-Youth's Companion.

A Man's Nerves. this time of night? Mr. Binks-Why?

"Just hear the windows! They rattle like everything." "Um, it would make me nervous to hear the windows rattle if the wind wasn't blowing."-New York Weekly

Americans and Codars. For some unknown reason the cedar of Lebanon has never been a favorite with American planters, although it if hardy in the latitude of New York, and the few specimens here which have attained the age of 50 years and upward

are noble trees. - Gurden and Forest. Sunday Services by Wire. For many years past, it is said, a Sunday school has been held every Sunday on a certain railroad. The superintendent propounds questions to the class over the wire at different places, prayers are said and a chapter in the Bible read—all by wire .- New York Tribune.

There are many small villages in the alkali districts near the Asiatic frontief where the blind predominate. In this region the alkali dust constantly fills the air, and those not actually blind have their eyes more or less diseased.

Australia is a great tea drinking conntry, and most of the medium sorts of black find a ready sale in the southern land. Very little green tes, and that usually for mixing, is imported there.

In a single season it is said that 5,000. 000 dead birds were used by the milliners

of our seaboard cities. Over 42,000 of

these came from Cape Cod alone. When the refrigerator is placed near the cook stove in the kitchen, the cook complains that the ice melts so rapidly that her milk sours every day.

Octavius Augustus had a mortal dread of thunder, and whenever a storm came on he retired to an underground vaul?

Thought Transference.
My father Mr. A. C. King of Le Roy, Ills., was very sick with lagrippe in Jannary, 1892. On the 20th I was sent for and staid with him several days until he was somewhat improved. I then returned to my home, Decatur, Ills., some 60 miles distant, telling my brother Edward to write me every day and if necessary to telephone or telegraph me. For quite awhile the letters came regularly reporting everything favorable. Then they ceased. There had not been any letters for about a week, when, or the evening of the 15th of February concluded that I would try the experment of making Brother Edward write Royal Baking Power Co., After I had written the letter I concluded that I would send it, as, if to SHE WORE THE SHOES TO BED.

something more?-Arena,

have not written you for several days.

because I have had no bad news to re-

news." As near as we can learn, he

wrote this letter at the same time that I

was writing to him. Is the fact that his

thoughts, and even words, were the

same as mine a mere coincidence, or

In a small Vermont town the street emotions when her father said: "Perhans lamps, which are few and far between are under the charge of one of the oldest residents of the place. "Why in the world weren't the lamps lighted tonight, Mr. Theodore Roosevelt is a practical Mr. Jacobs?" inquired a summer resi-politician and has some good stories to dent, who had stumbled down to the postoffice one July evening in the pitchy

"They ain't ever lighted on moonlight nights," responded the old man calmly. "That's the rule, an the moon fulled last night, an this is one of best nights in the hull month.' "Best nights," echoed the other in

never allow the constitution to come be-tween friends," was the reply, and then does the moon do in a pouring rain like "I can't help that," said Mr. Jacobs. "Accordin to the almanac, this is a moonshine night, an the lamps hev no

call to be lit. I rec'on the almanac's a good thing to go by. "Why." continued the old lamplighter. surveying his critic with suddenly awak-ened surprise and disgust, "where d'you About midnight Ethel Shapson was s'pose I sh'd fetch up ef I was t' go by the weather stid o' the almanae? I per-sume t' say likely I might hav t' go my covered her little sister Evelyn. to conceal same t' say likely I might hav t' go my her deformities, and all that is wortakes raound ev'ry night for a month in dog or ungraceful generally drops off from days. I don't callate to hev no sech a tree unless it be an injury to the trunk. works as that! Ef the moon don't do From such effects the tree never recov- her duty, it's unfortinit, but it ain't any

ings on, Evelyn. The new shoes! Oh, The bystanders murmured assent, and twisted, some parted till the original the summer resident was silenced. -

Iowa's Wonderful Ice Cave. One of the greatest curiosities in the Mississippi valley is a natural ice cave which is located in the bluffs of the Iowa river within less than a mile of Decorah, the county seat of Winnesheilt county. This unique curiosity is indeed a natural techouse—a cavern in which great icicles may be found at any season vere penalties to play in the rain barrel of the year, being especially fine in sumbut the other day, sad to relate, his main mor, when the weather is hot and dry out ide. The bluff in which the cave is localed is between 200 and 460 feet in His mamma's face hardened, but the height, it being necessary to climb about grandmother's kind heart led her to make 75 feet up the side of the bluff to reach the mouth of the cave. The entrance is Bertie heard the plea, and when his a fissure about 10 feet in width and bemamma asked him sternly what she tween 15 and 20 feet in height, from should do to a little boy who did not which a constant current of cold air

Thirty feet from the mouth of the "I fink you had better mind your cave the passage turns toward the left and downward, toward the river bed. The slope is very gradual, however, and Mrs. Binks—Cool Doesn't it make reach all the while. After you have you nervous to have the wind blow so reached a spot 100 feet from the opening you entered, it is noticed that the walls and roof are covered with frost. Twenty feet farther a thin coating of ice is noticed, which increases in thickness as you go into the 'duff. -St. Louis Republic.

earliest mention of it in England occurs in 1531. Early in the following century hear it and felt so satisfied that they the Duke of Buckinghara caused much left without the sermon. No wender indignation by its us in London. People were exasperated at that nobleman | his voice with "hallooing and singing of which he gave to the Duke of Bucking- | become so impressed with this part of

ham's sedan, which was borne like a you," he began, ". "Ere, Bill, give me palanquin .- "Bygone England."

On Time. First Commuter (at the ferry)-Our train must have arrived on time this Second Commuter-Why do you think

First Commuter-There is no boat in.



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A New England Girt's Unique Way of Stretching Tight Poolgenr. When Mr. Simpson returned from Boston, he brought a beautiful pair of shoes -laced shoes, with neat heels and pretty toes-for his daughther Ethel, and a unanimous sigh of disappointment swept over the Simpson family when it ap-peared that these shoes were too small. No one was more sincerely grieved about It than Ethel's youngest sister, Evelyn, who liked pretty shoes as much as Ethel did, and who had been wearing a pair that could not have been described as anything but "servicesble, though plain,

Evelyn was filled with conflicting

you can wear a No. 8, my dear. If so, you may have these. Evelyn knew that though her sister war-six years older than herself, yet they wore the same sized shoe-No. 4; but she did not say so. She set her pretty shoe beside her own stout, roomy one. The prospect was discouraging.

A little later Ethel came in. "Why," she exclaimed in surprise, "you can almost get it on? Try it sometime when your foot is not warm and swollen as it is now, though I suppose papa would never let you wear them if they went on at all hard."

The shoes stoed on Evelyn's dressing case all day and suggested to her what must have been the feelings of Cinderella's sisters when they tried to cut down their feet to fit the magic slipper. That evening when she was going to hod she tried them again, and they actually went on. They squeezed the poor little feet

"Oh, Ethel-don't make a noise-my feet!" she gasped. "Why, you have your shoes and stock-

you poor child?" and in a moment the elder sister was bending over the suf-ferer, who had fainted away, with smelling salts and a pair of scinsors.
"You see," subbed Evelyn, reviving and watching the cutting of the shoe lacing with interest, "I thought if I wore them to bed they would be on in the morning and I could show them to papa and he would let me keep thom. I went

to sleep, and a little while ago I woke

up, and I thought I was dying.
"I almost screamed, but I didn't. I felt numb all over, and then it seemed as if arms and legs and head were turning into ballooms. When I tried to crawl out of bed. I knew what was the matter. It was my feet and those awful shoes. "I expect every one will laugh at me. Why, Ethel, you are crying! Don't, My

feet don't hart me any more, and papa will say when you tell him about it, 'It will be a lesson to her.'" It was a lesson to her. wore tight shoes again, but if her father thought so be did not say it when Ethel told the story, and no one of the family laughed or said a word about it. A day or two later a package came from Poton for Evelyn, which contained a beautiful pair of shoes, laced, with next heels and pretty toes and marked "fours,"-

Youth's Companion.

The rustic choir's greatest show was always made in the authem, in which some bumpkin had generally a solo to The sedan chair is named after Sedan, exhibit his "Insty voice." It was a the town where it was first used. The splendid musical display—of its kind. People came from a long distance to Shakespeare made Sir John Palstoff loss employing his fellow men to take the anthems." To be sure he was guilty of place of borses to carry him. Prince an anachronism, for there were no an-Charles brought from Spain in 1623 thems in the fat knight's time, but it three curiously wrought sedans, two of may reasonably be supposed that he had ham. A few weeks after their introduc- the service in his own day that he tion Massinger produced his play. "The dropped into the nod which even Homer

Bondman," and in it he thus adverts to is privileged occasionally to enjoy.

The Jack Tar who explained a "hanthem" to his mate on the simple principles of verbal clongation was not so For their pump and care being borns in triumph on mea's shoulders.

The reference is doubtless to Bucking far out after all. "If I was to say to that handspike,' that wouldn't be a hanthem; but if I was to say to you, Bill. Bill. Bill, give, give, give me, give me. that, that, that hundapike, spike, spike, spike, why, that would be a hanthem." Just after this fashion did the old village choirs tear and tosa their anthem teats. -Cornhill Magnaine.

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